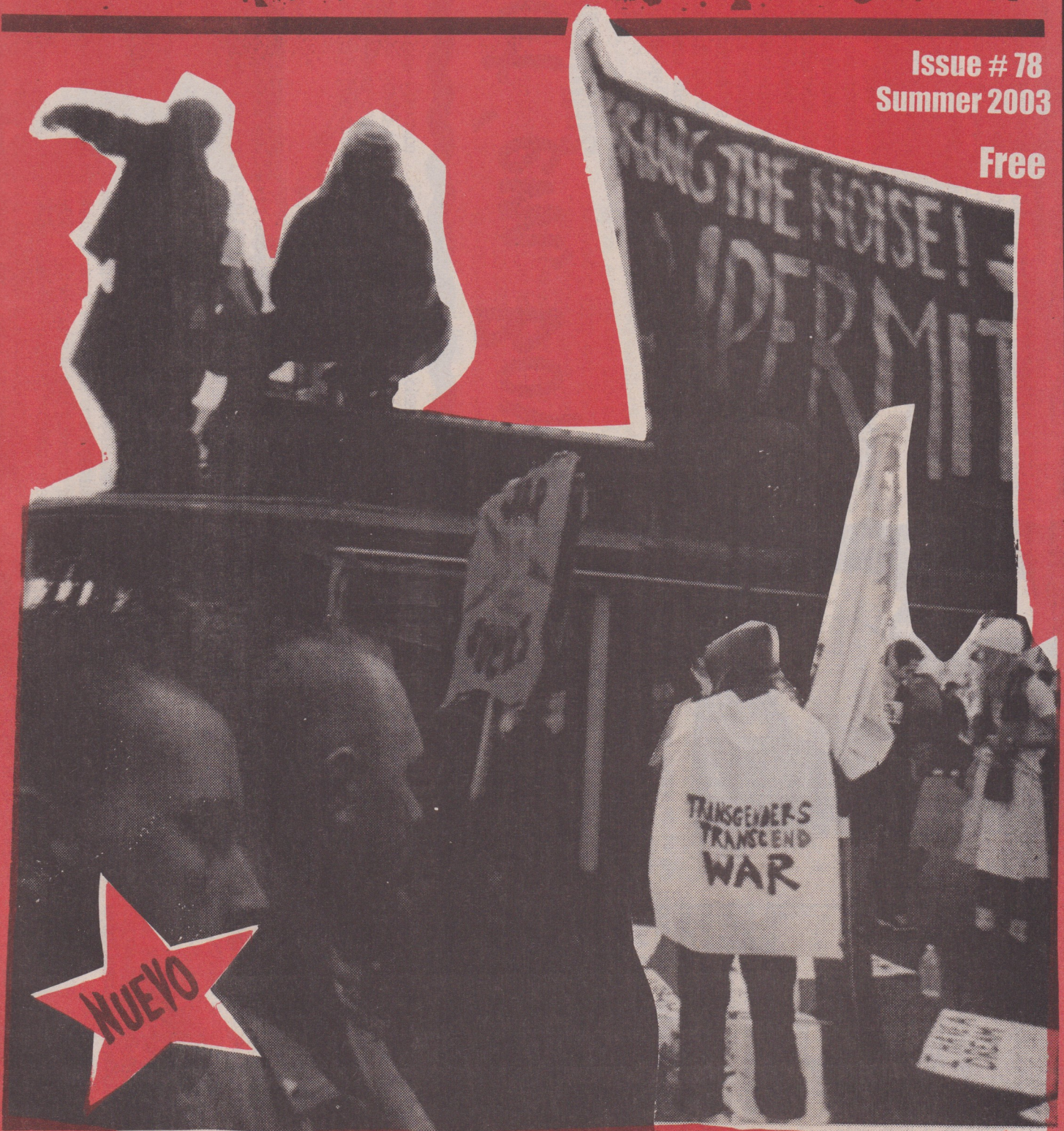


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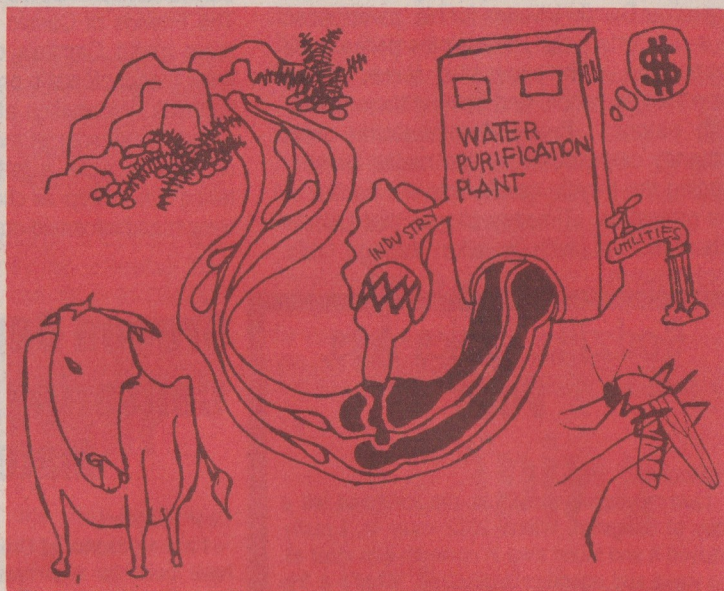
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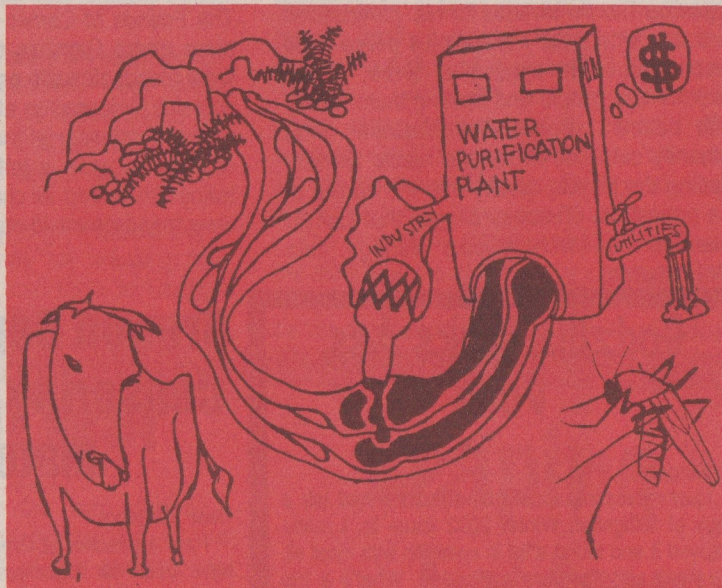
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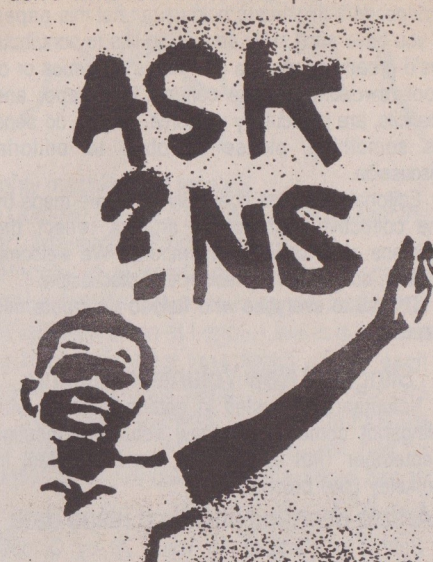
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The period leading up to the war brought millions of people around the world out into the streets against the war. Bush didn't seem to care, and the war went ahead anyway. *Big fucking deal!* The point here isn't that the war happened in spite of massive protest — the point is the massive protest, and that millions of people have learned a crucial lesson — that the political system is just going to ignore their polite protests.

The disappointment of millions of people who were unsuccessful in stopping the war using polite protest can lead in two directions: either people will be pushed into apathy and silence, or they'll get radicalized and start to realize that the only way to stop the system's drive towards mass murder is to figure out how to disrupt, resist and fight the system. If the system won't listen to the people, the



people will have to tear the system down as an act of self-defense.

The war, the disunity over the war amongst the capitalist powers, the crisis at the UN, and the global popular resistance to the war all disrupted the previous political balance. Like a balloon that was over-inflated and burst, all of the pieces of the game have been briefly tossed into the air.

Such an historical rupture can open the way

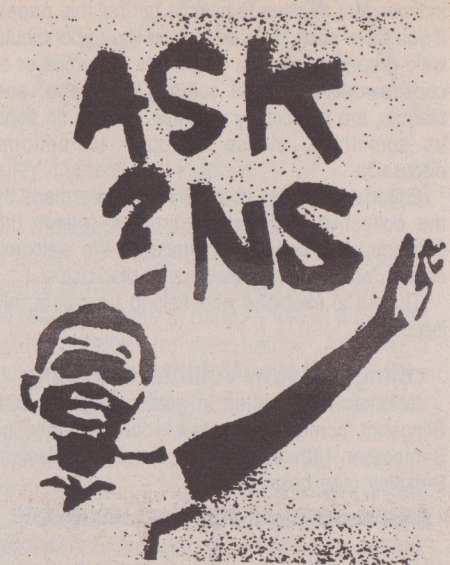
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Now is a crucial time to organize, continue the struggle, emphasize lessons learned, and transform the organizations and people mobilized by the war from the reactive anti-war effort to a struggle for something new. It's essential in the aftermath of the war to describe *what we're for* — and move beyond what we're against.

Our alternative vision is of a world organized around freedom, self-determination, cooperation and meeting human needs — not domination, violence, coercion and profit. Most people realize that naked might shouldn't make right. It's easy to confuse Bush's inevitable *military* victory with a *political* victory — with winning the peace. The anti-war movement may

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Undeniably, folks who love the american dream are buying into a web of oppression. But the fact that they don't appear to see this truth and fail to analyze the consequences of their actions, doesn't mean they're one-dimensional humans without potential for change. The american dream is the status quo, easy to adopt, if hard to actually obtain. People often have thoughts and feelings much more complex than what's seen on the outside. Truth be told, many "oppressed" people also want the american dream, it's just not happening for them.

Neither is the appearance of american-style success a guarantee of happiness. There is real pain in the suburbs, small towns, rural areas, as well as in the cities—generalized dissatisfaction with life that goes far beyond 30-second sensationalized trauma spots in the news.

Many grassroots activists know this pain —

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## SLINGSHOT

Slingshot is a quarterly, independent, radical, newspaper published in the East Bay since 1988.

In an attempt to expand our artistic horizons, Slingshotters this issue debated the editorial content of the paper by engaging in competitive interpretive dance. It was an awesome sight; the staff frolicking and flinging themselves to and fro around the loft/office, emoting heavy political content with the added benefit of participating in strenuous, aerobic physical activity, to keep our blood flowing.

Finally, after fifteen years of publishing, we had our first ever retreat in April. What was planned as a sunny Saturday in one of the many beautiful nature spots here in the Bay Area, turned out to be a soggy, lightning and thunder filled afternoon in a leaky, red VW microbus. That may sound like an Arlo Guthrie song, but it actually was very productive, that is until we got to the bowling alley. No, really.

We decided that we want to change the process so we can publish the paper more often. We want to crunch the distribution cycle from about 3 weeks to just one weekend. That would take a lot more volunteer help that weekend. We talked about how we could get help from people who didn't necessarily want to go to all our meetings and be fully involved in the collective, but who would nonetheless like to help Slingshot expand and thrive.

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Around the world during the war people gathered in the streets to demonstrate against Bush's war in Iraq. Two and a half years ago, many gathered to greet the nomination of George the lesser in the streets of Philadelphia.

During that earlier week of protests, the Republican National Committee worked with Police Commissioner John Timoney to silence dissent by attacking civil liberties. Unlike N30 in Seattle, Commissioner Timoney's police avoided public displays of violence and instead quelled dissent by arresting protesters on spurious misdemeanor and felony charges. 420 people were arrested. Over the last two and a half years, most of those charges have been dropped.

However, the city of Philadelphia still intends to press charges against tenant organizer Camilo Viveiros for his participation in a rally where the Philadelphia police force responded with excessive force, riding bicycles into people and beating them bloody with batons. Police Commissioner John Timoney came down to the melee himself, leading the bicycle cavalry into the bodies of the protesters. Timoney alleges that Camilo attacked him with a bike during this confrontation.

Judge Pamela Dembe had thrown out the most serious charges against Camilo, stating they are "not supported by anything, frankly." However, District Attorney Lynne Abraham successfully lobbied the court to restore many of the charges. He now faces up to 40 years in prison. Also, Abraham has repeatedly postponed the trial to prepare a better case against him. As lawyers pointed out during the RNC demonstrations, the government and the police are trying to wrongly equate street protests with terrorism. Timoney himself contributed to this discourse, calling for a federal investigation in the this "nationwide conspiracy." We must prevent the criminal injustice system from crushing another one of our most conscientious organizers. We must ensure that an innocent man remain free so that he can continue his work in the community. The Friends of Camilo invite people to learn more about Camilo's case at the website [www.friendsofcamilo.org](http://www.friendsofcamilo.org). The website also contains information about joining a support group, a calendar of events, and instructions on how to write a letter to Judge Hughes telling him to drop all charges against Camilo. [www.friendsofcamilo.org](http://www.friendsofcamilo.org)

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Carlos and his family are thankful for the international support he has received including help from Argentina, Brazil, the U.S., France and Poland. His mother Sara Arroyo Granados writes: "...I am writing to thank you for the economic and moral help that has been provided to my son. The economic aid that has been given to us without knowing that we are a family with scarce resources and the letters you have sent to Carlos have cheered him up so much. They are like spinach for Popeye. When he is feeling down we bring him the letters and it brings back his strength. For this I implore that you don't stop writing him. Even for me personally, I feel very inspired to know that we have friends, true friends. Thank you kids, thank you from all of my heart. To all in general, from all the states of the republic and of countries who have sent support, I know you may not believe in God, but I hope that life gives you all that can be desired. Goodbye."

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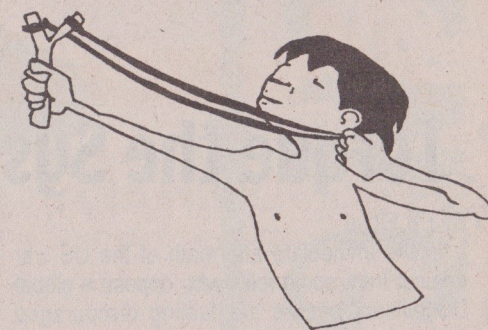
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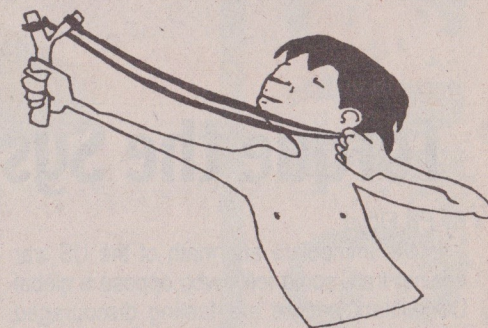
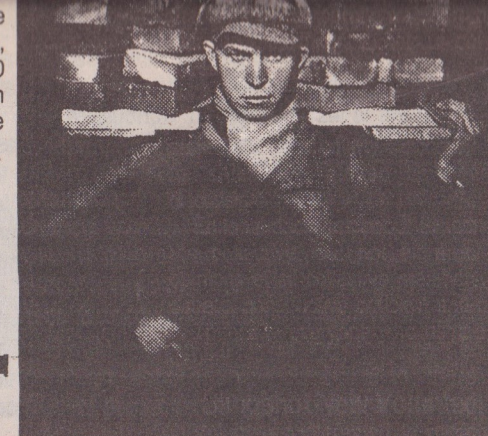
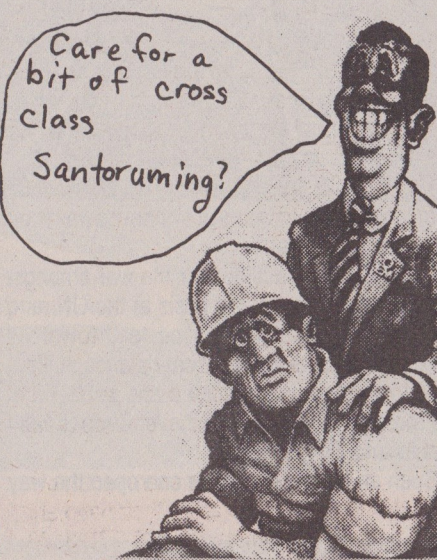
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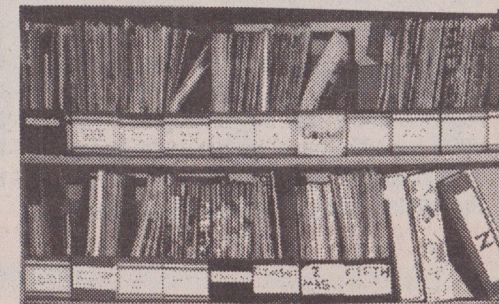
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Thanks to everyone who bought a 2003 *Slingshot Organizer* — they pay for this paper to be free all over the place. We're already working on the 2004 Organizer, expected out October 1, 2003. Please don't order until then — it's confusing. If you have ideas for the 2004 version (or graphics or historical dates, etc.) send them to us by August 1 or sooner. We're always looking for more listings for our radical contact list, so if you know of one in your area that isn't listed, please send it. Contacts have to have a physical address and usually a phone number. Also, we just got a few 2003 Organizers returned, so you can still get one for \$5 (includes shipping). Ignore the website which says we are out.



## Solidarity Books

*Slingshot* earlier reported the wrong address for *Solidarity Books* in our 2003 radical contact list. Check them out if you're in Indianapolis: Our new (and hopefully permanent home, due to a sweet 3-5 year lease) address is 2123 N. Boulevard, Indianapolis IN 46202. It's right off the 21st st. exit on I-65 just north of downtown Indianapolis. Our number is now (317) 924 4870. We're open everyday from 12-8 pm except Sundays (open 12-6 pm) and Tuesday (closed).





# Murder in Palestine: Don't mourn, Organize

## ISM calls for summer of action in Palestine

Rachel Corrie, 23, American — run over by an Israeli Army bulldozer and killed defending a doctor's house from demolition.

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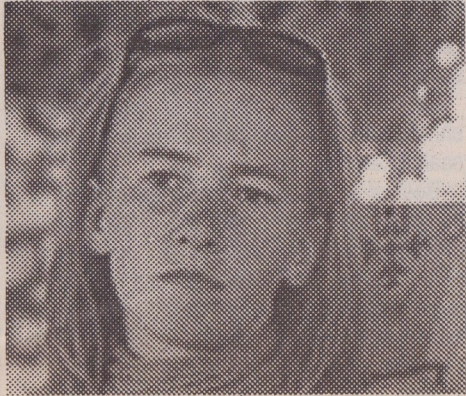


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Compiled by PB Floyd

Folks around the country are mobilizing against the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) ministerial meeting scheduled for November 17th - 21st in downtown Miami. The FTAA treaty would expand the corporate free trade policies of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) — which applied to Canada, Mexico and the USA — to North and South America. The FTAA would also go beyond the NAFTA rules — strengthening corporate control over workers and the environment and further weakening already pathetic civil society institutions like (corporate) democracy™ and (corporate) government labor and environmental regulations.

There is already widespread popular opposition to the FTAA throughout South America. After centuries of economic exploitation and poverty, the last thing South Americans need is a massive multinational corporate giveaway. FTAA summits in Canada and Equator were met by massive resistance, but FTAA's architects are hoping they'll have it easy in the apathetic old USA. They're not counting on November in Miami resembling

November in Seattle. It's up to us to give them a little surprise greeting!

As usual, the FTAA is being negotiated without any meaningful public participation — except our voices and bodies in the streets, which the organizers can't quite prevent (yet). The FTAA would curtail labor laws, push down wages, replace family and subsistence farmers with corporate agribusiness, promote privatization of public industries and cut government services. Corporations would be permitted to sue governments who tried to pass laws to protect the public. Ultimately, the FTAA is designed to concentrate wealth and power into a few corporate hands at the expense of everyone else.

There is already discussion of a Day of Action on November 19 and teach-ins, seminars, reality tours, concerts, forums, rallies and marches all week long. Moreover, the police in Miami have already been organizing their response for a few months, so it looks like the shit could fly in Miami.

Here are (generally liberal) contacts. Hopefully the radicals will show their hand and set up a contact point soon. 202 778-3320, 510 663-0888, [www.ftaamiami.org](http://www.ftaamiami.org).

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"Nevertheless, when the police arrived on the scene, all of them were wearing gas masks, and a number of them were armed with what we later learned were wooden bullets, beanbag-firing shotguns, and grenades. I have been to countless demonstrations over the years, and I cannot recall a single instance in which any Bay Area police agency has displayed these kinds of weapons or worn gas masks to a political demonstration. I can only surmise that the Oakland Police Department would not have arrived at the demonstration with this type of weaponry unless they had a pre-planned intent to use it.

"The officers lined up on Middle Harbor Road in front of the entrance to American Presidents Line. When they ordered the demonstrators to clear the intersection, the demonstrators complied and the entrance was cleared. Unfortunately, there was nowhere for the demonstrators to go after they cleared the intersection. By blocking Middle Harbor Road, the police denied the demonstrators the nearest and most direct route to leave the port.

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"I want to make clear that the use of these types of weapons against peaceful protesters is unacceptable under any circumstances. However, it is also clear that the severity of the injuries we saw that day was significantly increased because the Oakland Police Department disregarded the manufacturers safety warnings and misused these weapons. For example, we recovered a shell casing used to fire wooden bullets. The casing indicated that it was manufactured by Federal Laboratories in Casper, Wyoming, and fires 264W wooden baton rounds. The casing includes a very clear warning, which states: 'Do not fire directly at persons or serious injury or death may result.' The warning then admonishes officers to fire the weapons at the ground, from which they are intended to ricochet into peoples' legs.

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# Workers in Iran Fight Back!



Textile workers at the Behshahr' Chintz-making factory in Behshahr, Mazandaran Province, Iran staged an angry protest on April 16, 2003 against the withholding of their wages over the past 26 months. They were eventually joined by nearly 30,000 workers from textile and other sectors as well as the city's residents at large. The protesters faced harsh attacks by security forces, in which tear gas and other weapons were used against them.

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# Tomorrow's Tactics: in the News

By P. Wingnut

Now that the war on Iraq is finished, Bush is already thinking about the next conquest: maybe Syria or Iran, or maybe somewhere else. Thus, it's already time for those opposed to a US empire to figure out our next move.

The state has become extremely skilled at limiting the effectiveness of traditional, predictable oppositional movements and actions. Tame mass marches are ignored, while ordinary militant street actions get you arrested or shot at with rubber and wooden bullets. Sometimes, the most effective tactics

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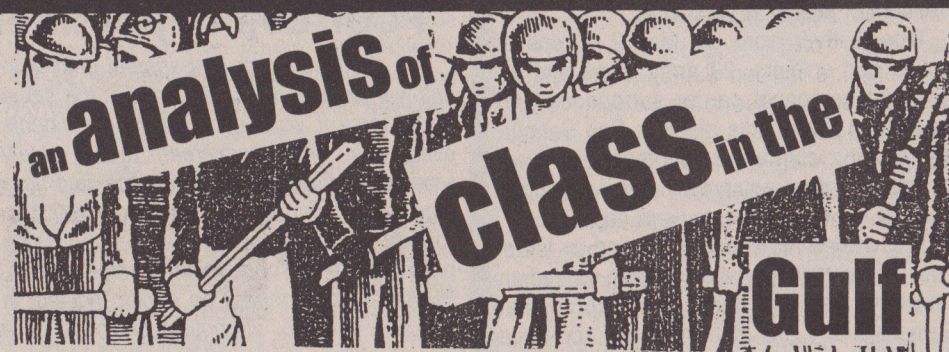
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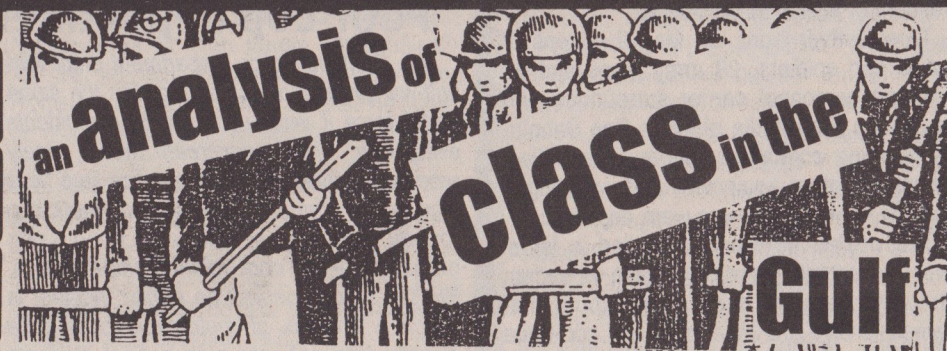
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Picture this. A bunch of people wearing full white body protection suits and respirators emerge from a series of white vans. They have official looking picture ID badges, white buckets full of a fancy green colored soapy water and scrubby brooms. They tape off the Bechtel entrance with yellow caution tape and start soaping down all of the surfaces and posting official "Warning - Contamination Quarantine" stickers.

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We here at *Slingshot* hope this guy (and the whole agency) gets removed for these comments — although we aren't holding our breath. According to this logic, any labor strike would be "terrorism" because it would have an "economic impact." Or how about a boycott against, say, non-dolphin safe tuna. Actually, pretty much any act — other than going to work — would be terrorism. Like perhaps, smoking pot, or calling in late for work so you can have sex again. Economic impact, you know. Haul 'em off to Guantanamo!

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For more background on the 1991 Iraq uprising see "Ten Days that Shook Iraq" at:

[www.geocities.com/nowar\\_buttheclasswar/Gulf\\_War.html](http://www.geocities.com/nowar_buttheclasswar/Gulf_War.html)

American is more than ready to believe in crazy health risks. Instead of trying to shut down, say, Bechtel by linking arms outside its front door, how about try something a little more interesting.

Picture this. A bunch of people wearing full white body protection suits and respirators emerge from a series of white vans. They have official looking picture ID badges, white buckets full of a fancy green colored soapy water and scrubby brooms. They tape off the Bechtel entrance with yellow caution tape and start soaping down all of the surfaces and posting official "Warning - Contamination Quarantine" stickers.

They probably shouldn't answer any questions or talk to anyone — just act official. At the very least, this is going to create chaos and confusion. At best, the building will be shut down until someone can figure out what is going on.





# Is This What Regression Looks Like?

## The INS, Special Registration and the US Patriot Act I & II

By: Puddin Snax

Did you know that the USA PATRIOT Act stands for Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism?

This set of laws is another chapter in the extreme anti-immigration that is happening every day in this country. Detentions, detainments, immigrant and political profiling are regular practices used by the INS in the name of anti-terrorism. Male immigrants over the age of 16, from North Korea and 24 countries in the Middle East, from Afghanistan to Pakistan to Iraq and Iran, are being asked to come in to their local INS office for special registration, where they are interrogated, being asked everything from "Do you like Saddam Hussein?" to "What mosque do you pray at?"

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ever been convicted of a felony. Even if they have served jail time, they are then sent to detention centers and deported to their country of origin, some for crimes as minor as drug possession or fighting with their boyfriends. Many have been held since they were first taken in with no information on when they will be released or even what charges they are being held on.

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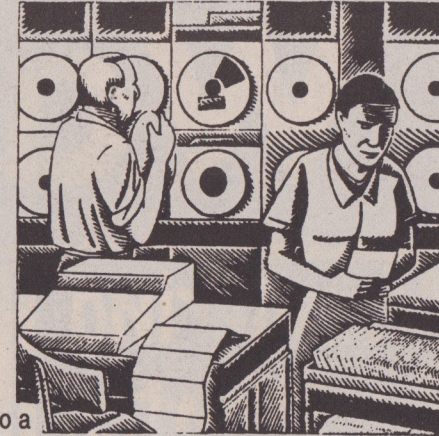
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Sometimes I wonder, what are we doing, rather, what am I doing while all this is happening, throwing parties and living life as normal, while people are quietly being taken away and locked up, no explanation, no representation, nothing?

What can we do? What can you do?

Start by talking to everyone you know about what is going on and create an opposition climate, be outraged, and express it. Organize teach-ins, and public events to hear Muslim, South Asian, and Arabic immigrants speak who have been the targets of this oppression. Organize rallies and demos



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I bring this up as a reminder that the issues are deep-seated. The current administration is at the extremist end of the policy-planning spectrum, and its adventurism and penchant for violence are unusually dangerous. But the spectrum is not that broad, and unless these deeper issues are addressed, we can be confident that other ultrareactionary extremists will gain control of incredible means of devastation and repression.

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Terminal nuclear war has been avoided by near miracle in the past; a few months before Acheson's speech, to mention one case that should be fresh in our minds today. Threats are severe and mounting. The world has good reason to watch what is happening in Washington with fear and trepidation. The people who are best placed to relieve those fears, and to lead the way to a more hopeful and constructive future, are the citizens of the United States, who can shape the future.





# War resistance

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If all of Milwaukee's odd cultural elements cooperated they might have quite a resistance. Maybe next century.

### Meeting the War God in Andrew Jackson's Square

An anti-war march in the French Quarter (yes, they seriously proposed re-naming it the Freedom Quarter) was rather reminiscent of a Mardi Gras parade in Berkeley. As we dipped briefly into the Central Business District and up Decatur Street, big jock looking tourists were screaming and cursing at us. I wondered about the masses of people in opinion polls. Were they all ogres like these, or were there

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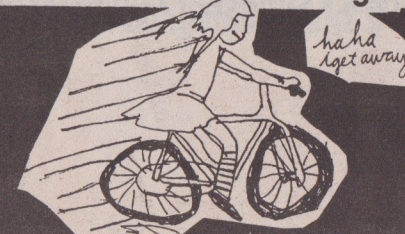
Conversely, now isn't the time to succumb to fantasies that we can engage in armed struggle within the US against the US empire. In the war on Iraq, the regular Iraqi military units didn't stand a chance against the better armed imperial troops. Those Iraqi units were better armed than any opposition group in the US could hope to be.

Organized and spontaneous civil disruption at home is far more threatening to an empire than either polite, predictable protest or armed resistance. The cops have a hard time crushing non-compliance and disruption, which gradually rots the capacity of an empire to project its military and ecological domination abroad.

Our movement is quickly being pushed into a resistance movement against an imperial power. The forces building the American empire have made it clear that domestic opponents of the regime may be labeled terrorists or "enemy combatants" and thus stripped of any formal legal "rights" accorded to obedient citizens. Even though we're in our



# Round-up



## protest to disruption

learn from the recent campaign to shut down business as usual?

own homes, living in the United States means we're operating in occupied enemy territory.

### What Worked

As the day dawned in San Francisco on Thursday, March 21, small groups of unusual looking commuters began emerging from downtown subway stations, along with the usual crowd wearing their ties and skirts, briefcases in hand. The night before in Iraq, US cruise missiles had started raining down, opening an unjustified, preemptive war of aggression. The People had come to a financial nerve center of the empire to stop business as usual.

The action to shut down San Francisco had been planned for months, with hundreds of affinity groups assembling detailed, specific action plans. But many more people came downtown without precise plans — just the notion that something had to happen.

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all morning as intersection after intersection was blockaded at random. The police didn't know what might happen next or where. The cops would get a report of a disturbance, dispatch officers, and by the time they reached the intersection, the problem would have moved elsewhere. Such unpredictable, spontaneous disruption is far more threatening to the system than a stationary, pre-organized, controlled or largely symbolic action.

As the day and the war continued, the police cracked down harder and harder. Opportunities that were available early on became impossible later. Moreover, in the days after March 21, the media viciously criticized the financial district shutdown. "Blocking ordinary people on their way to work just hurts the anti-war cause." These reactions from the police and the media just proved how effective the effort to disrupt business as usual had been. This proved that our actions threatened social stability and couldn't just be ignored. The massive marches leading up to the war were beautiful, diverse, and heartening, but they didn't threaten social order, and could thus easily be ignored.

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load of food, water and other supplies to people on foot. The bikes could scout ahead, warn of approaching danger, and distribute information about which roads were already blocked and which ones were waiting to be shut down. The one disadvantage of being on a bike is that it can be hard to dismount and change your role, because you have to do something with your bike. Thus, the bikes were most effective when they cooperated with folks on foot, each doing what they did best.

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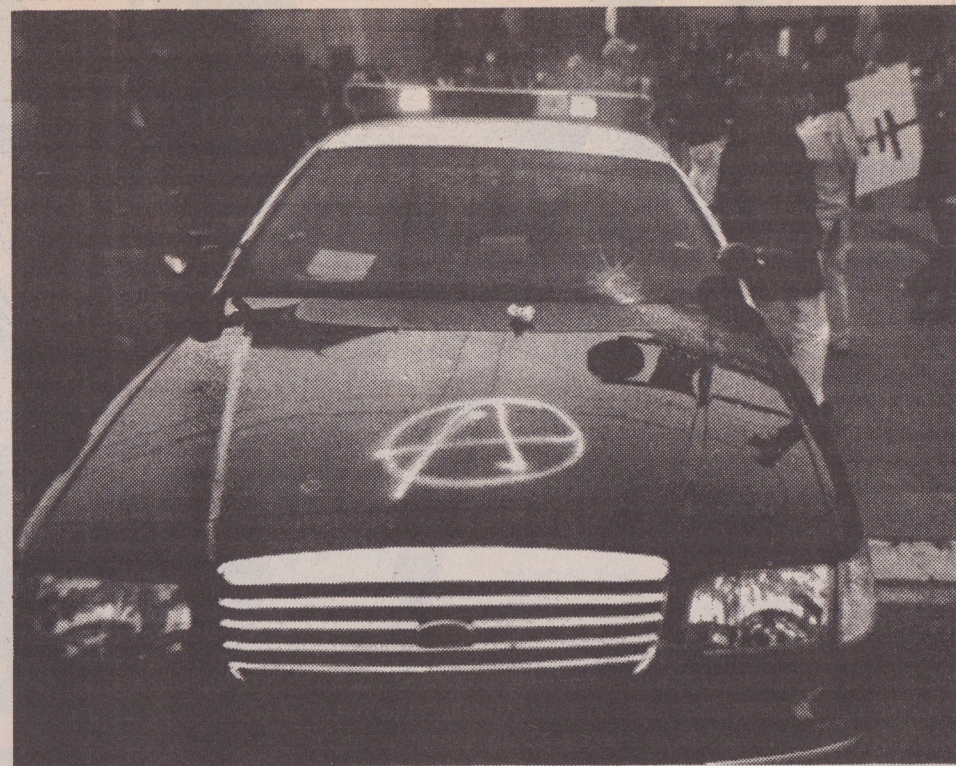
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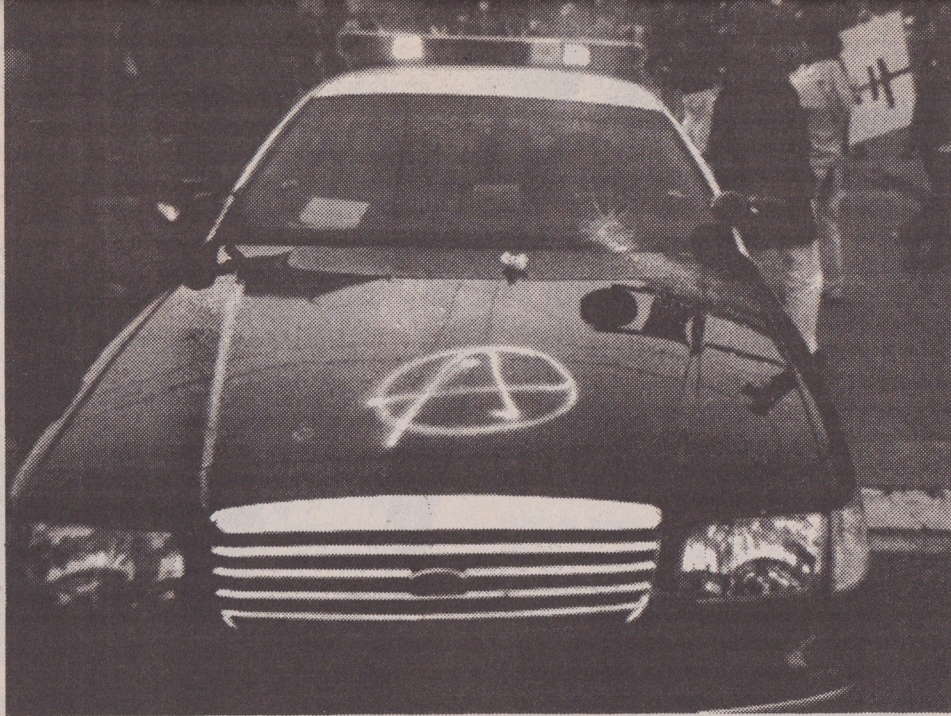
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The pre-organized actions can act as *decoys* — diverting police attention and opening space for other activists to achieve a higher level of disruption elsewhere. Just like police love knowing where all the activists are, they fear a scenario in which they have no idea where all of the participants are, or are heading next. Its even worse for the police when there are 50 autonomous groups moving in all directions all at the same time.

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It is precisely these cultural traditions that helped cyclists on March 21 be so effective and disruptive. The bicyclists were used to making quick decisions on the fly without any formal organization or leadership.

When pre-planned blockades pinned down most of the police during the morning, numerous bands of roving cyclists were able to ride around at will, tying up and slowing traffic for miles. Since bikes can move rapidly, they were an even more confusing and disruptive problem for the cops and the media. They could be everywhere and nowhere simultaneously. Over and over, folks blocking intersections at random on foot would suddenly be reinforced by a roving band of bicyclists. The bikes also brought load after

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While at some points this tactic might make sense, recently marching in black has seemed to have more to do with making a fashion statement than trying to act collectively and effectively. Rather than allowing people to avoid police detection and arrest, the police have gone after the black bloc *because* they are wearing black, whether they do anything or not. The black bloc was surrounded and all its members arrested the weekend before the war — and then because no one seemed to learn anything, the exact same thing happened again the day after the war started.

Under these conditions, our tactics need to evolve. The point is to be disruptive and *not* get caught, not ensure that you're going to get taken into custody. I realize black looks cool,

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We need to keep in mind that when we organize, we should be doing it for our own goals. Helping the police maintain order should never be one of our goals. Organizing to get a large group outside of a corporation is an excellent goal. Then the organizers need to fade away and trust the People to take responsibility for our own actions and our own future.



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# PÁGINA EN ESPAÑOL

**Preso  
Politico  
en la  
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DC Contacto: larcher@foe.org

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8-10 de Agosto

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Tratado Libre de el Area de las Americas(FTAA) en Miami Consulta Anti-capitalista- Louisville, Kentucky Inscripcion: [ftaaconsulta@yahoo.com](mailto:ftaaconsulta@yahoo.com)

### 7-12 de Julio

Campamento de Accion Directa del Rio Salmon Proteger el bosque hermoso y salvaje de California norte Contacto: (503)957 5572 Correo electronico: [bwsisq@yahoo.com](mailto:bwsisq@yahoo.com), o [mazamaforestdefense.org](http://mazamaforestdefense.org)

### 13 de Junio 6pm

La Masa Critica de Berkeley Reclamando las calles en bicicleta Reunir al centro, Berkeley BART (todos los segundos viernes del mes)

### 13-15 de Junio

Conferencia de Medios de Comunicacion Aliados Bowling Green, Ohio [www.alliedmediaprojects.org](http://www.alliedmediaprojects.org)

### 14 de Junio 8pm

Pelicula: "Dersu Uzala" Gratis 3124 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

### 20 de Junio 5:30 pm

La Masa Critica de Alameda Reclamando las calles en bicicleta Reunir a la casa de ayuntamiento Calles: Oak y Santa Clara

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Verano de la Bicicleta 2003 New York City [www.bikesummer.org](http://www.bikesummer.org)

## JULIO

### 10-13 de Julio

Asamblea de l@s Anarquistas Verdes Allegheney Forest, Pennsylvania [www.blackandgreen.org](http://www.blackandgreen.org)

### 18-20 de Julio

Campamento de Entrenamiento para Acciones en defensa del Bosque Cascadia (Cerca de Portland), Oregon Contacto: [cfa@spiritone.org](mailto:cfa@spiritone.org) (503) 241-4879

## AGOSTO

### 1-3 de Agosto

Conferencia de Zines en Portland Recinto de Colegio de PSU, Portland, Oregon [www.pdxzines.com](http://www.pdxzines.com)

### 8 de Agosto 8pm

Fiesta para celebrar los 10 anos del Infoshop, Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley

### 8-10 de Agosto

Romper las Cadenas Conferencia en Contra del Complejo Industrial de Prisiones. Universidad de Oregon, Eugene. [www.breakthechains.net](http://www.breakthechains.net)

### 9-10 de Agosto 10am-4pm

Festival de Zines San Francisco [www.sfzinefest.com](http://www.sfzinefest.com)

### 10 de Agosto 1:30pm

Alto a la Guerra, Laboratorios de Livermore (925)443-7148

### 16 de Agosto 12-6pm

Fiesta de Zines en Los Angeles, Plummer Park centro Comunitario, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood CA [www.geocities.com/lazinefiesta](http://www.geocities.com/lazinefiesta)

## SEPTIEMBRE Y ADELANTE

### 7-14 de Septiembre

Alto a la Cumbre de la OMC (Organizacion Mundial de Comercio), Cancun, Mexico Semana de Movilizacion Global Contacto: [noalca@movimientos.org](mailto:noalca@movimientos.org)

### 25-26 de Octubre

Feria de Libros Anarquistas en Toronto, Canada. 519 Church St. Centro Comunitario [tab2003@ziplip.com](mailto:tab2003@ziplip.com)

### 25 de Octubre 10am-6pm

Feria de Libros, New Orleans Barrister's Gallery 1724 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. [www.nolabookfair.com](http://www.nolabookfair.com)

### 17-21 de Noviembre

Quebrantar la Cumbre del Tratado Libre de el Area de las Americas (FTAA), Miami, Florida (202)778-3320, (510)663-0888, [www.ftaamiami.org](http://www.ftaamiami.org)

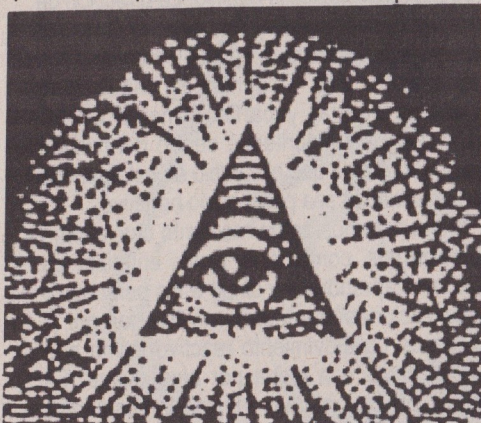


# Triumph Of Kleptocracy & Death Of Reason

By Cassandra Camus

If the first casualty of war is the truth, then reason must be its first prisoner. Leave it to Americans to escalate the battlefield of the mind to an Orwellian level of shock therapy. Glued to our mind screens for the majority of our waking hours, we have become the audience at a global coliseum, cheering for enemy blood and applauding billion-dollar bombs bursting in air. Reason? Logic? Truth? Those were sold to the highest bidder long ago, to pay for the most monstrous killing machines ever created and our raging addiction to chemical energy.

War has never made a great deal of sense, and that's in large part the point. Since one tribe went out to dominate another at the point of a spear, leaders have attempted to



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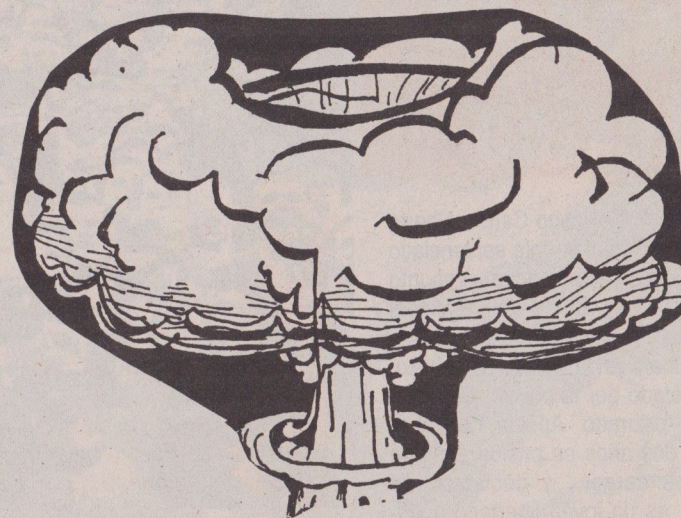
Americans entered a terminal realm of doublethink and psychosis when the revolutionary band of corporate cryptocrats seized the White House, our shining center of authority. The Bushista regime has turned every commonly-held value established by previous generations on its head, in a topsy-turvy heap of nonsense and cowboy lingo. Yes, we now argue, war IS peace, slavery and paranoia is freedom, you see, and the truth will never be known because it must remain a state secret.

Our sanity slips away daily as the cluster bombs and fireballs light up our video screens, as any hope of salvaging the American Dream is trampled under the boots of ever more militarized police, under the glare of ever more sinister terror alerts, and behind the firewalls of ever more secretive and corrupted "security" agencies. It's a sophisticated destabilization of our entire society, plotted out decades ago. The way the Bush family, CIA headquarters bearing their name, always seem to leave a trail of burned-out cities, piles of dead bodies, drug scandals, and secret bank accounts behind them, and somehow never get caught-- has worn our suspicions down to a dull stupor.

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who also make the weapons and the drugs which the politicians in power are so invested in. Americans are kept in a Twilight Zone limbo of steroid-stoked entertainment and shocking pseudo-reality events, barely able to keep up with the latest terror alert, let alone understand what is happening outside our country. The "fog of war" has become our sociopathic *modus operandi*, and the latest approval ratings let us know everything is "going great" because our lemming herd agrees the edge is where we must push.

irrationality and ignorance is a result of poor planning and excess? No-- the reality is that we're held hostage in a "fog of war" and terror by design, and the rest of the world has now become the war zone. Is it all like a spectacular video game? Yes, we've been conditioned to accept blasting away other humans like insects, from a distance. Now we must question-- who designed this game and who is promoting the even more costly future version?



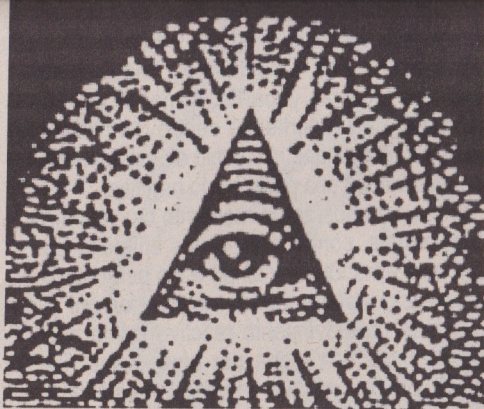
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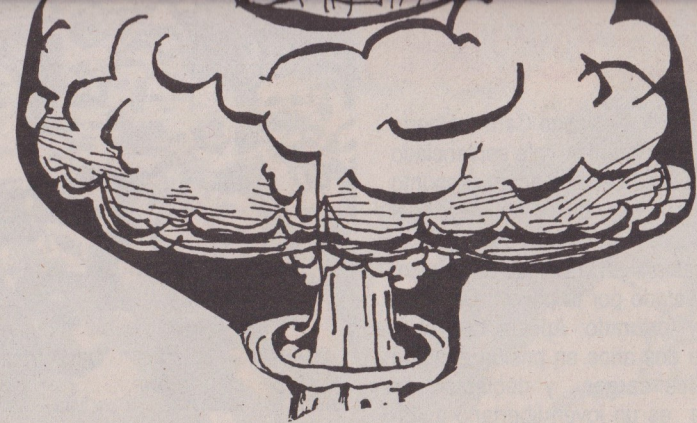


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Royal	Monarchy. Bush officially changes name to "big brother." Chips implanted in all world subjects to relay location and activities to central computerized data base.
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The great danger of the lynch-mob terror-bubble we find ourselves trapped in, as the Germans under the Nazi regime were, is losing touch with the rest of the world. At the same time, we are unable to assess that this is no longer our government, but has been stolen from us by country-sized corporations and their henchmen. To the rest of the world, we seem to be reveling in our corruption, celebrating the theft of our constitutional protections, our economic resources, our dignity and reputation, and our security, by a group of second-rate elitists and dictator-wannabees. Meanwhile, innocent people are being slaughtered by high-tech weaponry designed for annihilation, along with mostly defenseless "enemy combatants," in a land far away, in a culture that most of us don't even comprehend.

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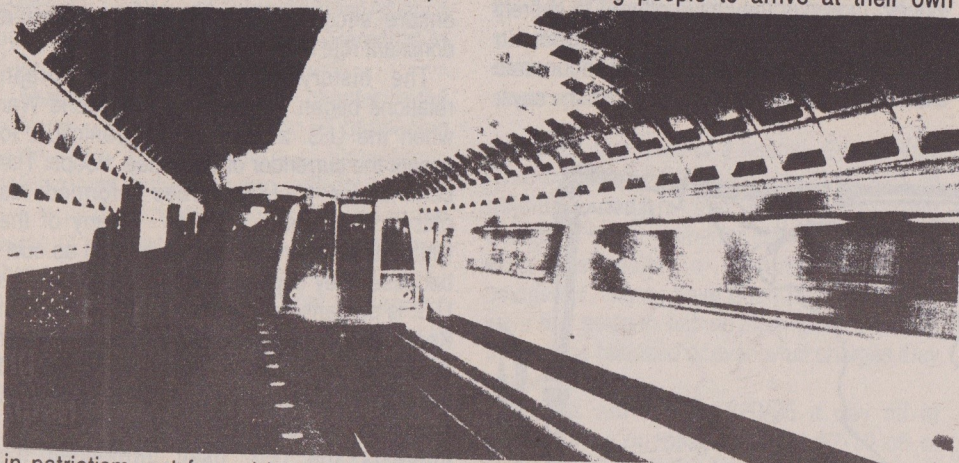
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many of us came to the urban scene from suburbs and small towns. We know that people can be stupid fucks and be damn proud of it. It's fine that we've moved on. But we must remember that beneath that brainwashing is an actual brain, being fed practically nothing but grossly manipulated media.

In many parts of the US, there's little access to the world news and analysis that the left thrives upon. American media does not encourage critical thinking. Issues are draped

people start viewing the news with a critical eye, events will seem as blatantly ridiculous to them as they do to me.

This is about listening and sharing ideas with people as people, not as stereotypes. Folks won't take you seriously if you don't prove you care about what they actually think and feel. This effort is about sharing information, listening to people's response, suggesting analyses—and then stepping back and trusting people to arrive at their own



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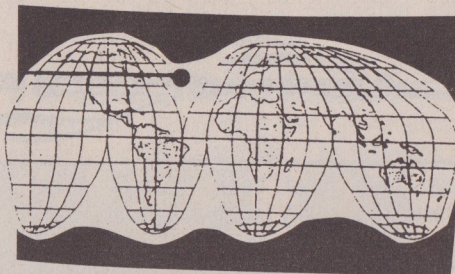
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Clowns were arrested, bicycles and circus



## ★ The Anti-War Argument--- While Still Supporting the Troops ★

by S. Wingnut

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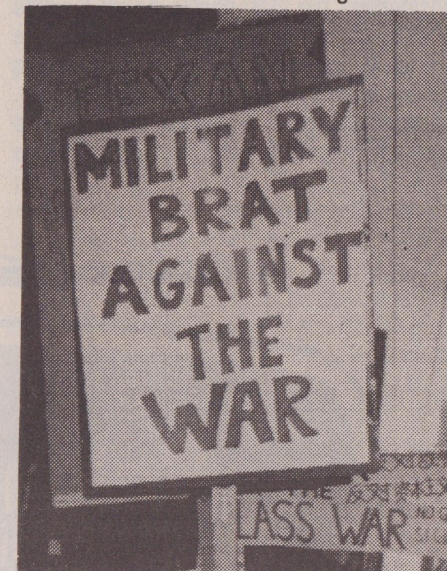
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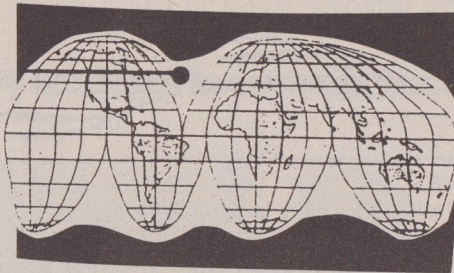


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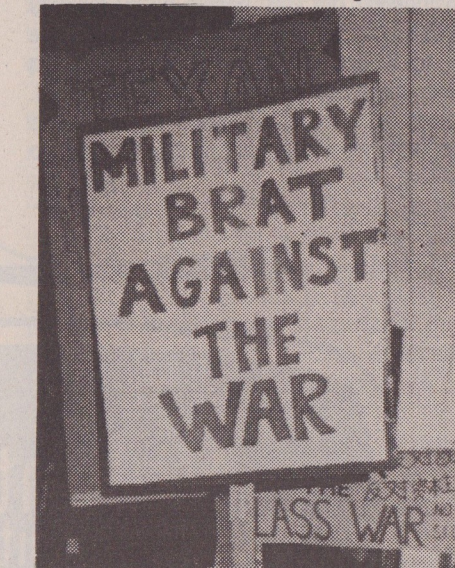
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You can support the troops, without supporting the designs of the Commander in Chief, because you don't support people fighting and dying, period. In particular, we can support troops *who break ranks*. Support for troops does not mean demanding they occupy a country where they're clearly not wanted—witness skyrocketing anti-occupation protests in Iraq. Instead, real support means good-paying jobs at home, non-militarized education, and emotional support of friends and family.

There is a poverty draft in place today. Despite small upsurges in interest in the military after 9/11 and the Iraq war, most folks still join the military to receive promised job skills and education funding. But two-thirds of recruits never get the financial aid they were promised – and only 15% actually get the four year degree they wanted! According to a report in the Army Times, the

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Let's bust up myths that assume the government cares about us, and replace government loyalty with people loyalty. George Bush isn't my man, my best idiot, my friend – YOU ARE.



# Is North Korea Next?

Article by KT Joy Sojourner  
Preface by Slingshot staff

Before the war on Iraq, the U.S. government had marked Stalinist North Korea as part of the "Axis of Evil," and since the war, attention has turned toward North Korea as a possible second front for U.S. military aggression. Although both North and South Korea have been trying to negotiate Korean unification, the current U.S. administration has purposefully provoked and maligned North Korea with the intent of thwarting reunification so the U.S. won't have to face an East Asian arms race between a nuclearized Korea, China and potentially, Japan. North Korea, in return, wishes to "normalize relations" with the U.S. and thus participate fully in global capitalist exploitation.

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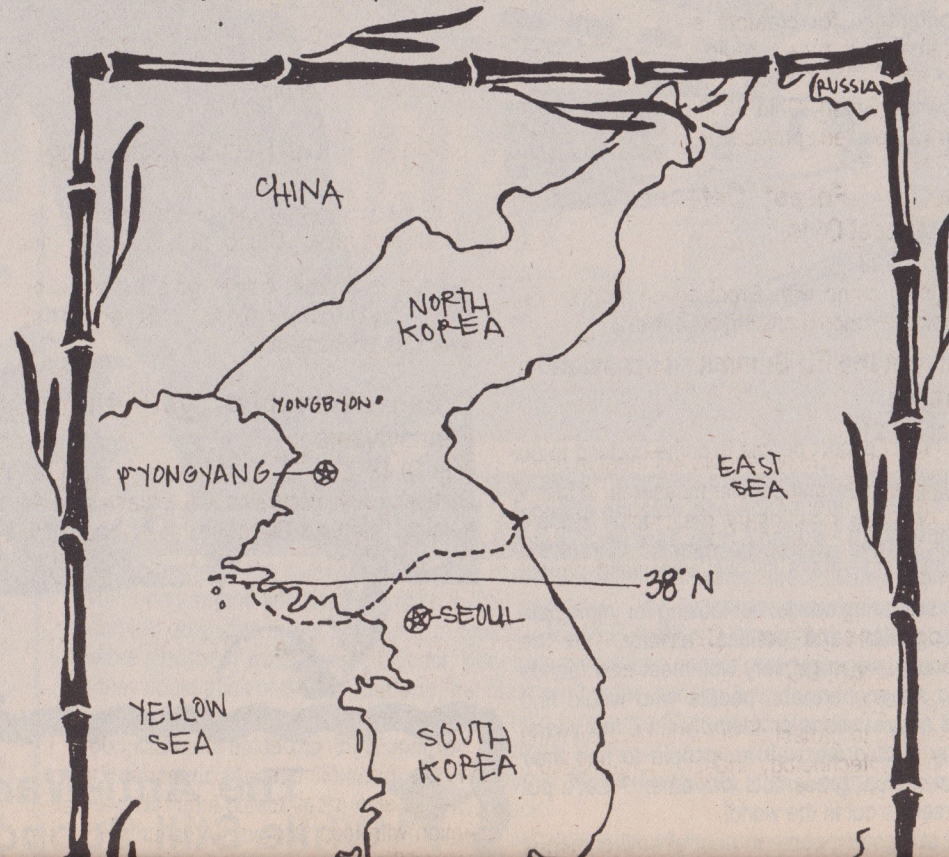
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militarized country that makes a large portion of its small economy on weapons sales. Bush has been quoted as saying, "Its not what they've got, but where it goes." U.S. Admiral Charles R. Larson, former commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, argued that a strong military presence in Asia was necessary to ensure security and guarantee America a dominant role in trade.

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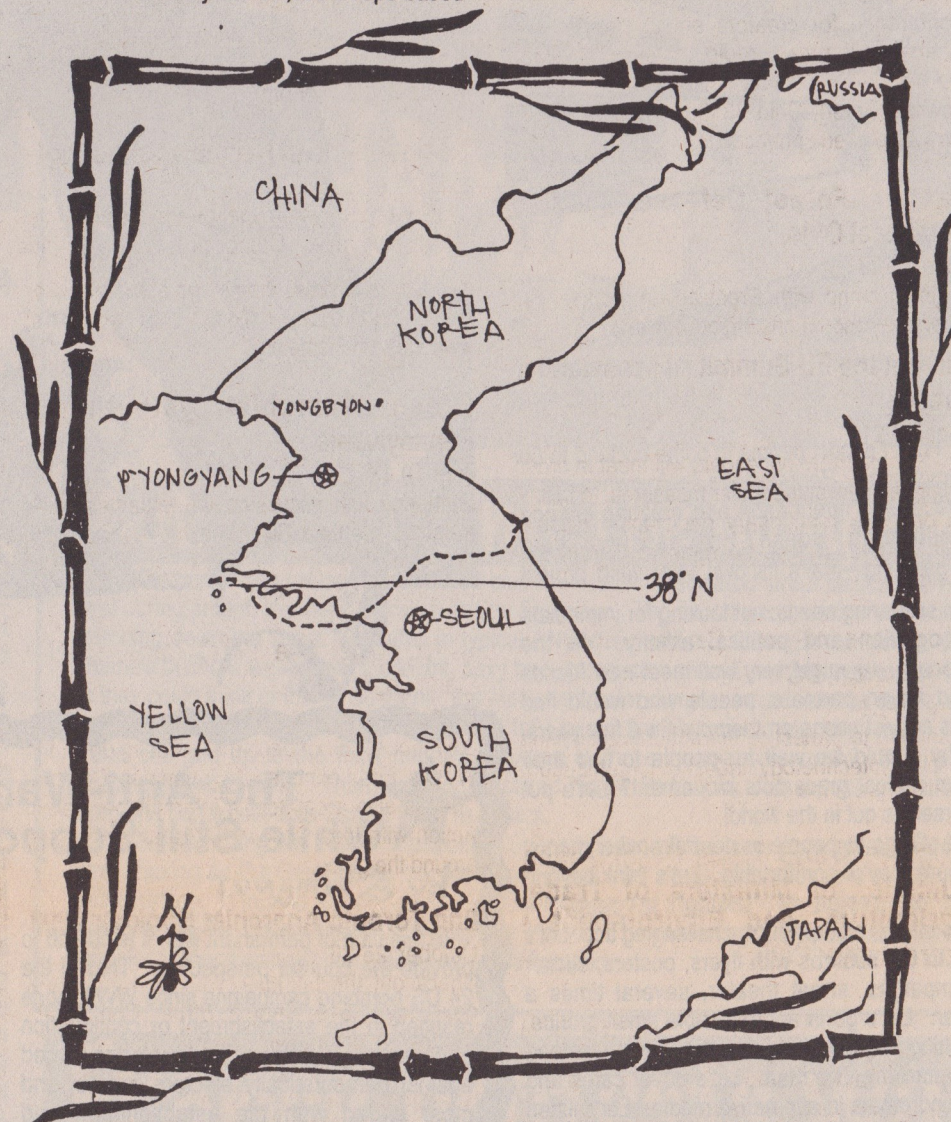
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#### THE SOUTH KOREAN PERSPECTIVE

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The Argentina Autonomista Project (AAP) and the Inter-American Center for the Arts, Sustainability, and Action (CASA) will again work with a vast array of social organizations in Buenos Aires, Argentina, such as the Coordinadora Anibal Veron, unemployed workers, the popular neighborhood assemblies, community artists, and radical University of

Buenos Aires faculty and students who are struggling to create space for the masses of poor and unemployed left by the recession, continuous austerity and structural adjustment programs, privatizations, and inept governments.

Over the last year an incredible wave of social protest and action has engulfed Argentina. In the midst of a severe economic

crisis there have been massive street protests, over eighty factory take-overs, more than three hundred coordinated microenterprise cooperatives organized by unemployed women and men, countless neighborhood associations formed, and many other autonomous popular initiatives. Yet, little is heard about this in the United States or in Europe.

The purpose of the Argentina autonomista project is to bring news about events in Argentina to North America through people-to-people exchanges and the internet (web and email) and to facilitate non-hierarchical communication within Argentina, especially among groups with a minimum of resources.

In the past, the AAP coordinator, Graciela Monteagudo, has helped organize a number of street theater actions with local groups in Argentina and in the U.S. covering both global and local social justice issues. Recently, the AAP coordinated a delegation of two community artists and organizers to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where they collaborated with the Coordinadora Anibal Veron, unemployed workers, neighborhood assemblies, community artists, FEAS, autonomous feminists, and radical university faculty and students. Over the course of three weeks the artists lived

with these communities and participated in the organization of an interactive artistic and cultural gathering of 5,000 people in demand for human rights in Argentina.

Working alongside with these communities as a member of this delegation, volunteers can have the opportunity to provide a meaningful service to the microenterprise coops by working in their bakeries, organic gardens and cheap art stores. Also, opportunities are available to participate in direct democracy processes of decision and action while practicing the Spanish language and being a delegate for social change. These opportunities are self-funded, so participating individuals will be responsible for their own food, transport and lodging.

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# 2003 SUMMER ACTION TOUR

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## Cascadia Summer • Oregon, N. California, and S. Washington

June - August

Come to Cascadia to protect endangered forests. In the last year, eco-activists have seen a rapid increase in the level of forest destruction on public lands, the erosion of hard-fought legal protections (as inadequate as they were, they were better than nothing), and a rise in the amount of government repression on groups fighting for social and environmental justice. The Cascadia Summer campaign is made up of a diverse group of local conservationists fighting to protect forests, streams, and wildlife. We recognize and value strength in diversity of tactics. During Cascadia Summer, activists will be engaging in a wide range of tactics from civil disobedience, tree-sits, public outreach in urban and rural areas, lawsuits, political pressure, and popular education. Trainings in direct action, non-violence, blockading, legal issues, and much more will be provided. Come out and join us this summer for a few days, a week, or three months to protect Native Forests, Old Growth trees, Salmon, Owls, and Rivers. Contact Cascadia Summer, 1540 SE Clinton St, Portland, OR 97202 [www.cascadiasummer.org](http://www.cascadiasummer.org)

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## Massasauga Earth First! Action Camp • Michigan

June 13-15

A weekend of skill sharing, workshops, and strategy session. Contact POB 44173, Detroit, MI 48212 313-410-4155; [massasauagaef@yahoo.com](mailto:massasauagaef@yahoo.com)

## Allied Media Conference • Bowling Green, Ohio

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public education forums etc. Contact 916-497-1111 [www.sacmobilization.org](http://www.sacmobilization.org)

## BikeSummer 2003 • New York City

June 27 - July 26

BikeSummer — an annual tradition — is a month-long festival celebrating the bicycle with educational rides, street theater, classes, art workshops, eco tours, advocacy discussions, music, films, and more. New York City not only boasts one of the best mass transportation systems in the world, but also one of the greatest urban cycling experiences. P.O. Box 249, NY, NY 10002, 212-330-7083 [www.bikesummer.org](http://www.bikesummer.org)

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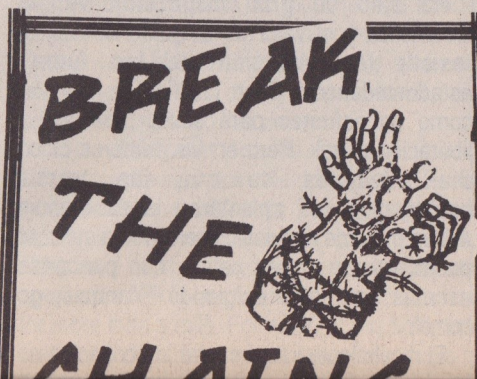
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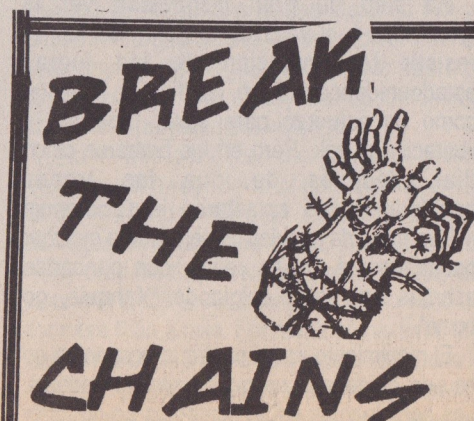
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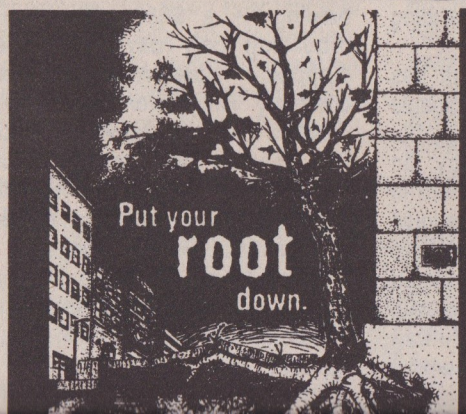
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Any movement that does not support its political internees is a movement destined to fail. When power is challenged, it inevitably turns to violent repression and imprisonment to maintain itself. In order to avoid defeat, movements must become organized and capable of combating the repression of the state apparatus, and they must be able to support their comrades and allies in the event that they are arrested or imprisoned. Few would commit themselves to a movement that would leave them behind prison walls, or a movement that is incapable of sustaining itself in the face of state intimidation. Contact info at P.O. Box 11331, Eugene Oregon 97440 or [www.breakthechain.net](http://www.breakthechain.net)



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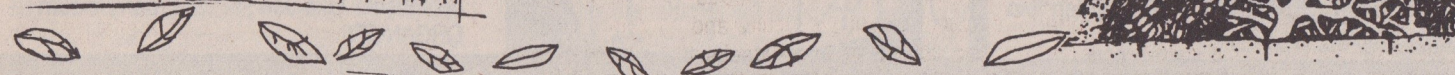
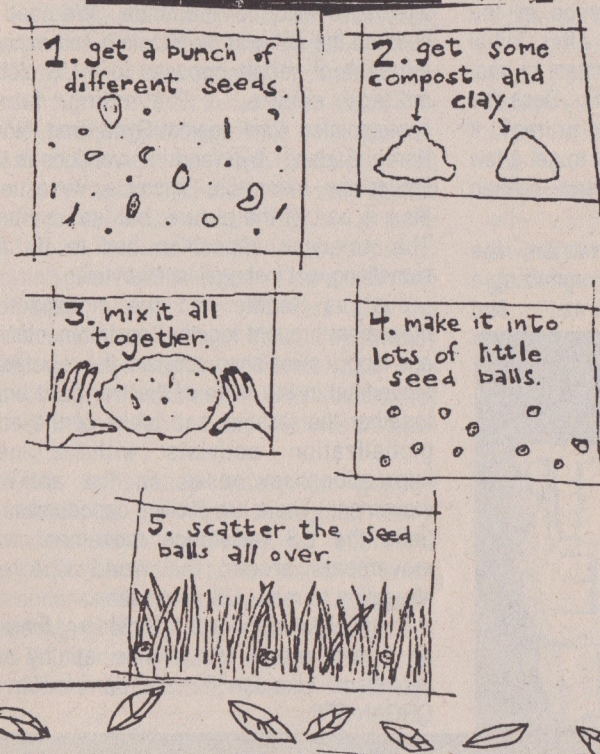
**1 part dry seed mix:** 100 different kinds of seeds... choose carefully if you are sowing them anywhere even slightly wild; you don't want to introduce anything that will upset the natural ecosystem. However, I say if you're in a big city, anything goes! Mix up all of the most tenacious edibles you can find and pray for cracks in the concrete as the burdock comes busting through!!  
**3 parts dry, living compost:** Use biodynamic compost if possible. NOT store bought or anything that has been sterilized. The soil fauna must be present.

Mix together the seeds and the compost until its all blended up, then add...

**5 parts powdered RED clay:** this can be dug when the streams are low, or bought from a local potter.. it must be red clay, which is rich in all the essential nutrients. The more local the source, the better. Mix everything together with your hands until its all a fine powder... the smell will intoxicate you with visions of abundance...

**Add 2 parts water,** a little at a time until the whole mixture is the consistency of cookie dough. Mix it with your fingers and knead into a ball. Now you're ready to start rolling the balls...1/2 inch in diameter is the recommended size; each ball will contain 10-50 seeds.

**Toss them on a tarp** and let dry at least 24 hours





# Moment of Opportunity

# Momento de Oportunidad

## En Español

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sociales. En particular, han sido desacreditados los medios de comunicación, que normalmente sirven para promover la estabilidad política, social y la hegemonía.

Para millones de personas en Estados Unidos el gobierno estadounidense ya no es "su" gobierno, sino una fuerza hostil y represiva que las pone en peligro. Para la mayor parte de la gente en el mundo, se ha vuelto claro que la mayor amenaza a la paz y la libertad, es el gobierno estadounidense y su actuación como poder único, que no es cuestionado, que no rinde cuentas a nadie y que está nuclearmente armado.

### Somos Ciudadanos de la Tierra

¿Qué acciones puede tomar la gente para usar este periodo inmediato posterior a la guerra contra la intención de Bush de forjar un imperio americano?

Ha sido de gran inspiración ver la creatividad y el valor de la gente de Irak al resistir la ocupación de las fuerzas estadounidenses. Bush justificó la invasión como un esfuerzo para llevar "libertad" y liberación a Irak. Pero en los primeros cinco días después de que las tropas estadounidenses aplastaron la resistencia militar, miles de iraquíes comenzaron a marchar pacíficamente en las calles, con pancartas escritas en inglés exigiendo "Yanquis, go home".

El movimiento iraquí contra la ocupación no

humanos en regímenes que instala en países que ha "liberado". Son comunes las condiciones represivas en los países apoyados por Estados Unidos. Muchos de los países que sirvieron de base militar para la guerra contra Irak, tienen un nefasto historial de dictaduras, tortura y represión. Así, la movilización contra el apoyo estadounidense a las violaciones de los derechos humanos, puede dar al movimiento de oposición en Estados Unidos, oportunidades para criticar el apremio hacia un imperio estadounidense mayor.

Antes de la guerra un eslogan popular fue "no blood for oil" ("no sangre por petróleo"). Ha sido sorprendente la rapidez y obviedad con que la ocupación estadounidense ha puesto en claro que el principal objetivo de la guerra fue el control del petróleo. Al momento en que publicamos este artículo, la ONU está lista para conceder a la ocupación estadounidense el control directo del dinero generado por las ventas de petróleo iraquí. El dinero será, supuestamente, usado para ayuda humanitaria y para la reconstrucción de Irak.

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## In English

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Ha sido de gran inspiración ver la creatividad y el valor de la gente de Irak al resistir la ocupación de las fueras estadounidenses. Bush justificó la invasión como un esfuerzo para llevar "libertad" y liberación a Irak. Pero en los primeros cinco días después de que las tropas estadounidenses aplastaron la resistencia militar, miles de iraquíes comenzaron a marchar pacíficamente en las calles, con pancartas escritas en inglés exigiendo "Yanquis, go home".

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Antes de la guerra un eslogan popular fue "no blood for oil" ("no sangre por petróleo"). Ha sido sorprendente la rapidez y obviedad con que la ocupación estadounidense ha puesto en claro que el principal objetivo de la guerra fue el control del petróleo. Al momento en que publicamos este artículo, la ONU está lista para conceder a la ocupación estadounidense el control directo del dinero generado por las ventas de petróleo iraquí. El dinero será, supuestamente, usado para ayuda humanitaria y para la reconstrucción de Irak.

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La diferencia es que ahora los líderes son generales estadounidenses y los iraquíes son títeres de aquellos. El pueblo iraquí está preocupado por ver a sus anteriores opresores, nuevamente armados. Pero la versión de "libertad" de Bush no tiene mucho que ver con las vidas de la gente común y corriente. Como siempre, la definición de "libertad" según los gobernantes estadounidenses, es la libertad de las corporaciones para hacer sus negocios en Irak. Nada de esto es una sorpresa: el imperialismo occidental siempre ha usado a las élites locales para controlar las poblaciones.

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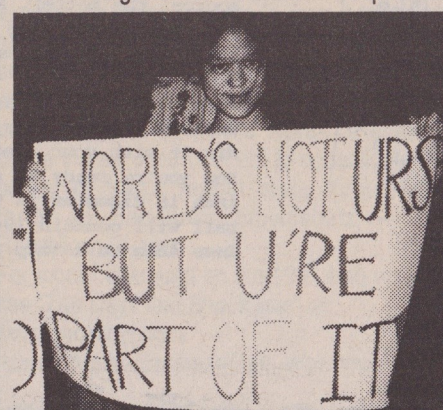
Así como Seattle y el movimiento en contra de la globalización unieron a los ambientalistas y activistas laborales y de maquiladoras, la resistencia del movimiento posterior a la guerra, debe reunir las lecciones e ideas de los activistas contra la globalización con una internacionalización nueva, basada en el movimiento contra la guerra. Hay oportunidades alentadoras para unir al movimiento de resistencia estadounidense con movimientos en todo el mundo que están luchando para resistir la dominación de Estados Unidos. Después de la guerra contra Irak no hay tiempo para retirarse en el silencio, la apatía y el derrotismo. Como Joe Hill dijo, "don't mourn, ORGANIZE!" ("No guarden luto ¡Organícense!")

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Just as Seattle and the globalization movement brought together environmentalists and labor / sweatshop activists, the resistance movement in the wake of the war must bring together the lessons and ideas of the anti-globalization activists with a new internationalism based on the anti-war movement. There are exciting opportunities to unite the US resistance movement with movements around the world who are struggling to resist US domination.

In the wake of the war against Iraq, there is no time to retreat into silence, apathy and defeatism. Like Joe Hill said, don't mourn — ORGANIZE!!



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ordinary, everyday, secret war is claiming victims right now.

Thousands of people will use a diversity of tactics to disrupt the WTO in Sacramento ranging from militant, mobile direct action to legal protests to street theater to educational events. Sacramento is flat with warm weather in June — perfect for mobile tactics, quick disguise changes, bike actions, disruptive public sex, etc. Get together with your friends now and figure out how to be part of the struggle. With creativity, spontaneity, courage and humor we'll prevent the WTO from proceeding.

## On to Cancun

Trade ministers from around the world will be in Cancun to conclude agreements on services (water, health care, and education); agriculture; and intellectual property among other topics. Each new agreement concluded by the WTO transfers more power over the work we do, the way we live, and what we know to multi-national corporations. Under the WTO, these corporations gain power to overturn any local laws regulating labor, health or environmental matters as "unfair barriers to trade." Thus, the WTO brings us even farther from a world in which neither corporations nor governments control our lives. In the name of freedom and the survival

of the earth, it's vital to fight the growth of corporate power and the expansion of the WTO.

The convention center where the Summit will be held is at the tip of a long strip of land boarded on one side by the ocean, and on the other by the Nichupte Lagoon. Two bridges connect this strip to the main land and downtown. Most of the workers who serve the tourist industry on the island live on the mainland, so the authorities will have to try to keep access to the island open during the meeting. But with only two bridges and perhaps tens of thousands of protesters, this could be difficult.

There may also be attempts to block access from the airport to the island to prevent people from getting to the meeting site. Cancun's airport is on the mainland — served by a single three-mile, two-lane highway thickly forested on either side.

In Seattle, we had to surround a convention center that was accessible from every direction, requiring the subdivision of downtown Seattle by blockaders into 13 sectors. In Cancun, the tactical issues may be much simpler.

For Americans hoping to go to Cancun, one significant problem may be crossing the border. Although you can drive to Cancun from anywhere in the US in a few days or fly

relatively inexpensively since it's a popular tourist destination, it's likely that the police will stop people who appear to be on their way to the protest.

Because corporate controlled free trade — and in particular the North American Free Trade Agreement — has been such a disaster for the average Mexican, resistance to the WTO meeting is expected to be strong in Mexico. Hundreds of Mexican individuals and organizations have been participating in planning the resistance to the Cancun meeting.

Nonetheless, participation in the protests by people from the United States and outside Mexico is also important. The chances for brutal repression of demonstrations may be somewhat less if it would mean attacking large numbers of US citizens.

Nurturing international solidarity against the WTO and in favor of a future controlled by people instead of corporations is crucial. When thousands of ordinary Mexicans and Americans march arm and arm against the power structure that exploits them, it will become clear that workers in the US and Mexico have everything to gain together, and everything to lose if they can be divided.

The protests in Seattle were powerful not because the media correctly conveyed the complex economic and social arguments made by the thousands in the streets — we know

such messages won't get through the corporate media. Rather, highly visible resistance to the WTO and corporate control are crucial because they demonstrate to ordinary folks everywhere that everyone *isn't* united around a corporate future, and there are still opportunities to struggle against the ruling order.

Many people throughout the world are deeply dissatisfied with the life offered them by corporate control. People work meaningless, degrading jobs so that a tiny minority can get rich. The earth is being destroyed. The material abundance created by all the work and resource extraction is hollow — a million identical strip malls for the privileged western nations; a million identical slums and sweatshops in the third world. Existence is a vast prison without walls — the real decisions are out of ordinary people's hands.

When we create images of passion, rage and a refusal to accept the life corporations offer us, we're building a powerful vision of hope for something different. Visible opposition is our best hope to break the isolation and resignation that corporate society uses to control the future. We don't need to passively accept our fate — people can struggle and build something better.

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*Commie red spice sauce. Lentils against the war. Intersection blocking asparagus.*

People in a resistance movement against imperial terrorism need to keep joy, inspiration and rebellion close at hand — like in a re-used yogurt container for your lunch. After each meal, we'd wash the dishes, wipe the counters and try to figure out what to name the food we had just eaten. After a while, we had to develop a few simple rules: the name had to give at least some vague idea of what the food was. Before the rule, the refrigerator became a collection of slogans devoid of any meaning. The rule made the game harder in a good way, because you had to figure out fancy relationships between food and a particular political message.

*Coalition to marinate Tofu. Intl. Women's Day Spread of Peace.*

When your whole house is out in the street day after day resisting an unjust war — blocking intersections, hanging banners from freeway overpasses, going to meetings, tying up traffic with bike masses, painting signs — you're going to need some good, nutritious food when you get home at night. In times of struggle, spending time to cook, eat and take care of yourself is even more important so you can be effective the next day. Cooking from scratch rather than eating out is best — and you get to name the leftovers.





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# Shoot 'em, Boys

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"The fact that so many people that day received injuries to their heads, arms, and torsos strongly indicates that the officers were not firing these weapons as the manufacturers intended. The fact that so many people, like myself, were shot in the back, underscores the fact that the Oakland Police Department was firing on people who were running away. As reported by the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, the manufacturer's training manual states that, 'when firing wooden bullets, areas such as the head, neck, spine, and groin . . . should be avoided unless it is the intent to deliver deadly force.'

"Oakland Police Departmental General Order K-3, governing the use of force, similarly requires officers to avoid firing these weapons at these areas of the body. According to the Department's use of force policy, beanbag (and presumably wooden) bullets are classified as the second most severe use of



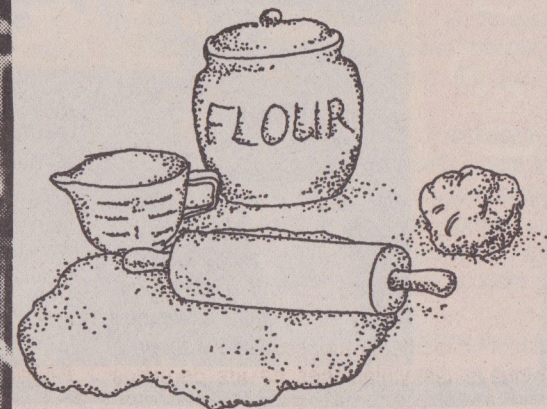
mighty machine and topple it.

*Commie red spice sauce. Lentils against the war. Intersection blocking asparagus.*

People in a resistance movement against imperial terrorism need to keep joy, inspiration and rebellion close at hand — like in a re-used yogurt container for your lunch. After each meal, we'd wash the dishes, wipe the counters and try to figure out what to name the food we had just eaten. After a while, we had to develop a few simple rules: the name had to give at least some vague idea of what the food was. Before the rule, the refrigerator became a collection of slogans devoid of any meaning. The rule made the game harder in a good way, because you had to figure out fancy relationships between food and a particular political message.

*Coalition to marinate Tofu. Intl. Women's Day Spread of Peace.*

When your whole house is out in the street day after day resisting an unjust war — blocking intersections, hanging banners from freeway overpasses, going to meetings, tying up traffic with bike masses, painting signs — you're going to need some good, nutritious food when you get home at night. In times of struggle, spending time to cook, eat and take care of yourself is even more important so you can be effective the next day. Cooking from scratch rather than eating out is best — and you get to name the leftovers.





# Action Calendar!



## June

### June 6 • 8 pm

Free film "Battle Of Algiers" 3124 Shattuck Ave Berkeley

### June 7th - 12th

Salmon River Action Camp - In the beautiful and wild Klamath Basin in Northern California. Large roadless areas are slated for logging incursions. Contact 503 957 5572 or email bwsisq@yahoo.com, mazamaforestdefense.org

### June 7 • 8 pm

Film: "Banned in Berkeley" and performance by 5 disabled women artists on their sexuality and relationships. Long Haul 3124 Shattuck Berkeley

### June 7-8

FTAA Miami, Anti-Capitalist Consulta-Louisville, KY Pre-register: ftaaconsulta@yahoo.com

### June 13 • 6 pm

Critical Mass bike ride Meet at Downtown Berkeley BART

### June 13-15

Allied Media Conference-Bowling Green, Ohio (419) 494-6850 www.alliedmediaprojects.org

### June 14 • 8 pm

Free film "Dersu Uzala" 3124 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley

### June 20 • 5:30 pm

Critical Mass bike ride in Alameda. Meet at Alameda City Hall, Oak and Santa Clara (every third Friday)

### June 21st • 8 pm

Free film "Videodrome" 3124 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley

### June 20-22

Biodevastation Conference Washington, DC Contact larcher@foe.org

### June 23-25

Stop the WTO Summit of Ministers of Trade, Agriculture, and Environment- Sacramento, CA Contact (916)497-1111 www.sacmobilization.org

### June 27- July 26

Bike Summer 2003 New York City www.bikesummer.org

### June 27th - July 7th

Minnesota Earth First! Round River Rendezvous Contact Minnehaha EF! rrrmn@ziplip.com



## July

### July 10-13

Green Anarchist gathering-Allegheny Forest, Pennsylvania www.blackandgreen.org

### July 11 • 6 pm

Critical Mass Berkeley Meet at Downtown Berkeley BART

### July 18-20

Forest Action Training Camp outside Portland, Oregon (Cascadia Summer) cfa@spiritone.org (503) 241-4879

## August

### August 1-3

Portland Zine Symposium PSU campus, downtown Portland OR www.pdxzines.com

### August 8 • 8 pm

Party for Long Haul Infoshop's 10th birthday. 3124 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

### August 8-10

Break the Chains Conference against the prison industrial complex. U of Oregon Eugene. www.breakthechains.net

### August 9-10 • 10 am - 4

Zine Fest San Francisco location TBA www.sfzinefest.com

### August 10 • 1:30

Stop the Warmakers, Livermore Labs (925)443-7148

### August 16 • noon-6

LA Zine Fiesta Plummer Park Community Center, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood CA www.geocities.com/lazinefiesta

## September and later



### September 10 -15

Shut down the WTO Ministerial • Cancun, Mexico

### October 25-26

2nd Toronto Anarchist Bookfair 2003 519 Church St. Community Centre tab2003@ziplip.com .

### October 25 • 10 am--6 pm

New Orleans Bookfair Barrister's Gallery 1724 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. www.nolabookfair.com

### November 17 - 21

Disrupt the FTAA Miami Ministerial Summit • Miami Florida 202 778-3320, 510 663-0888, www.ftaamiami.org.



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